

**Introduced by Senator Calderon**

February 18, 2011

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An act relating to the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 701, as introduced, Calderon. Central Basin Municipal Water District: report.

(1) Existing law, the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, authorizes the formation of a municipal water district to acquire and sell water.

This bill would require the Central Basin Municipal Water District, on or before July 1, 2012, to submit a report to the Legislature on the status of the Central Groundwater Basin and seawater barrier operations, and would prescribe the information to be included in the report. The bill would require the municipal water district to provide an annual update of that report, and would require the Department of Water Resources and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California to cooperate with the municipal water district in providing information necessary for the completion of the report. The bill would repeal this reporting requirement on July 1, 2016, in accordance with a specified provision of law.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:
- 3 (a) The Central Basin Municipal Water District is a wholesale  
4 water supplier in southeast Los Angeles County and overlies  
5 approximately 75 percent of the Central Groundwater Basin.
- 6 (b) The Central Basin Municipal Water District was formed  
7 under the Municipal Water District Law of 1911 (Division 20  
8 (commencing with Section 71000) of the Water Code), and is a  
9 groundwater rights holder in the Central Groundwater Basin.
- 10 (c) The Central Basin Municipal Water District is vested with  
11 broad authority, including the authority to acquire, distribute, store,  
12 spread, sink, treat, purify, recycle, recapture, and salvage water,  
13 including sewage and stormwater, for the beneficial use of the  
14 district, its inhabitants, and the holders of water rights in the  
15 district.
- 16 (d) Therefore, the Central Basin Municipal Water District has  
17 primary oversight responsibility with respect to protecting the  
18 public's interest in the Central Groundwater Basin.
- 19 SEC. 2. (a) On or before July 1, 2012, the Central Basin  
20 Municipal Water District shall submit a report to the Legislature  
21 on the Central Groundwater Basin and associated seawater barrier  
22 operations. The report shall include all of the following:
- 23 (1) A review of all actions by the Department of Water  
24 Resources and the Water Replenishment District of Southern  
25 California relating to the Central Groundwater Basin and associated  
26 seawater barrier operations to determine the current status of the  
27 Central Groundwater Basin and the seawater barrier operations.
- 28 (2) Short-term and long-term recommendations to improve the  
29 overall health and transparency of the Central Groundwater Basin.
- 30 (b) The Central Basin Municipal Water District shall provide  
31 an annual update of the report to the Legislature by July 1 of each  
32 year.
- 33 (c) The Department of Water Resources and the Water  
34 Replenishment District of Southern California shall cooperate with  
35 the Central Basin Municipal Water District to provide all

1 information, reports, and any other data regularly generated by  
2 those agencies, that is necessary for the completion of reports  
3 pursuant to this section.

4 (d) (1) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a)  
5 shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the  
6 Government Code.

7 (2) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this  
8 section is repealed on July 1, 2016.

9 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
10 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
11 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
12 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
13 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.